



Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes

July 11, 2013

- **Present:** Peter Kelley, Jennifer Janovy, Sally Dunn, Brad Schaeppi, Larry Olson, Lori Richman, Rob Erickson, Donald Eyeberg
 - **Absent:** Marty Mathis, Kirk Johnson, Carl Follstad, Tom Randall,
 - **Guests:** Mark Nolan, Heather, Tim Sudieth
 - **Recorded by:** Peter Kelley
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1. **Mark Nolan Introduction** – Mark introduced himself as the new transportation planner for the city of Edina. He's been on the job for three weeks and is in the process of reaching out to various groups such as the BETF to determine their priorities.
2. **54th Street Redevelopment** – 54th street along with the bridge over Minnehaha Creek is to be rebuilt in 2014. The city is conducting outreach sessions with neighborhood groups to understand their needs and desires for the street and nearby Arden park. Mark and consultant Heather queried BETF members for their thoughts on the project.
3. **Living Streets** – Mark and Jennifer presented on the living streets projects currently being developed by the city. It has been a multi-year effort that is nearing completion. The proposal will soon go to the council. Jennifer queried the group on ways to educate the public about the project. Suggestions included: articles in Edina Magazine and the About Town publication, inserts into water bills, highlighting already constructed streets, talking about/researching improvements in home values, and emphasizing health benefits.
4. **Membership** – Peter passed out a membership commitment form asking members to specify one, two or three years as their preference to participate in the group with the idea that each member will serve a specified term. The goal is to provide an avenue for new membership going forward.
5. **Group Status** – Donald raised the issue of the status of the group as independent from the city. In particular, he was concerned with any possible liability members of the group might have. Mark agreed to look into the issue.

Purpose: The Bike Edina Task Force (BETF) meets to serve citizens and partner with City staff and elected officials to promote bicycle improvements in Edina for education, encouragement, infrastructure, enforcement, and ongoing assessment. We support implementation of the approved City of Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan that serves all levels of bicyclists, connects key destinations including safe routes to schools, and integrates with the Twin Cities' regional bike network. Our **vision** is a progressive bicycle-friendly community where citizens can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

Time & Location: BETF monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at Edina City Hall. For questions contact Peter Kelley, Chair. Guests are welcome.

Distribution: BETF, guests, City Manager, City Engineer, Edina Police BETF Liaison Sgt. Timothy Olson, and Mayor & City Council. Also Dianne Plunkett Latham to post for the Edina Energy and Environment Commission and Ned Nelson of the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee